

NEWSLETTER

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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SOUTH DAKOTA HERO RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Yesterday family, friends, business leaders, and veterans gathered at the VA Sioux Falls Regional Office as Jonathan Tilk was awarded his Purple Heart.

Tilk was wounded nine years ago while serving in Iraq and is now receiving recognition for his heroic bravery.

During the program Shawn Bohn, director of the Sioux Falls Regional Office, commended Tilk for his bravery and heroic service. "We shouldn't limit ourselves to honor veterans on Veterans Day or Veterans month," said Bohn. "We need to honor our veterans every day and celebrate what their actions have garnered us."

Ken Teunissen, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the Dakotas, congratulated Jonathan and thanked him for his service.

Tilk currently serves as a veteran service representative for the VA and spends his days assisting disabled veterans.



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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN FALL RIVER

Recently, leadership from Southern Hills Economic Development Corporation (SHEDCO) and South Dakota Department of Veteran Affairs (SDDVA) met with staff of Western Dakota Tech (WDT) to finalize a new scholarship program in the health services profession.

This meeting was a culmination of brainstorming between Executive Director Andrea Powers (SHEDCO) and Secretary Larry Zimmerman (SDDVA). Zimmerman had expressed his concerns with the high turnover rate of nursing staff at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home in Hot Springs and noted that some healthcare facilities in eastern South Dakota were offering incentives to college students.

Powers shared she had worked with the Build Dakota Scholarship Program for a couple of years and noted that nursing was one of the high needs careers the scholarship program covers.

Powers and Zimmerman met with Superintendent Brad Richardson and Director of Nursing Susan Wilcox at MJFSVH about sponsoring students through the nursing program. Together this team worked through time frames, expectations for sponsored students, which includes completion of the CNA program at the MJFSCH, apprenticeship before applying to Western Dakota Tech, and a three-year commitment to work for MJFSVH after completion of the nursing program.

All were hopeful that sponsoring youth from the Hot Springs community would increase the possibility participants would stay in the community for the length of their nursing career.

Besides formalizing the scholarship program, this team discussed partnerships such as student clinicals at MJFSVH and nursing scholarships for current MJFSVH employees who would like to further their education.

“Healthcare worker shortages exist nation-wide,” said Zimmerman. “We want to retain our staff while reaching out to future leaders and assisting them with their careers.”

“Talent retention is a strategic goal for SHEDCO,”

said Andrea Powers. “Providing opportunities for youth to stay in the county and earn a living in a fulfilling career is part of that goal. Partnerships are essential to economic vitality and SDDVA has been a partner willing to think out of the box and create a pilot program unique across the state.”

The state sponsored nursing scholarship will be available to students from Fall River County.

For more information about the Build Dakota Scholarship go to <https://www.bulldakotascholarships.com/>.



Pictured (L—R): Brad Richardson (MJFSVH), Andrea Powers (SHEDCO), Dr. Ann Bolman (WDT), Jeff Haiar and Valerie Julian (MJFSVH).

MILITARY ONESOURCE

Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information, resources, and resource referrals on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve Component members and their families. Information and resources include, but are not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationships, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood.

Military OneSource provides free, online resources to service members and their families via the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Digital Library. You'll find eBooks and audiobooks on virtually every topic, as well as databases and reference manuals that can help you learn a new skill, keep kids engaged and serve as a homework source, or prepare you to land your next job.

Confidential services are available 24 hours a day by telephone (1-800-342-9647) and online (www.militaryonesource.mil). In addition to the website support, Military OneSource offers a confidential call center and online support for consultations on a number of issues such as spouse education and career opportunities, issues specific to families with a member with special needs, health coaching, financial support, and more (24/7 Confidential Call Center: 1-800-342-9647).



NATIONAL GUARD UNIT TO DEPLOY TO MIDDLE EAST

Nearly 70 soldiers with the South Dakota Army National Guard's 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion have received a mobilization order for deployment to the Middle East beginning in July 2019.

The Pierre-based unit is scheduled for a nine-month deployment where they will provide multifunctional logistics and support operations.

The unit will report to Fort Hood, Texas, to complete several weeks of theater-specific training prior to deployment overseas.

This will be the second mobilization for the 152nd CSSB since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The unit first deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2013.



POST-9/11 GI BILL® HOUSING PAYMENT RATES UPDATE

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced key changes in the processing of GI Bill® benefits payments under the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Forever GI Bill).

Because of continued information technology difficulties with implementing sections 107 and 501 of the law, both of which change the way monthly housing allowance payments are calculated, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie has directed Under Secretary for Benefits Paul R. Lawrence to take the following actions:

- Effective Dec. 1, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) will reset its implementation efforts for sections 107 and 501 of the law to give the department the time, contracting support and resources necessary to develop the capability to process Spring 2020 enrollments in accordance with the law by December 1, 2019. This includes soliciting bids from contractors for support in the areas of program integration, systems implementation, and software development.
- During this time, VBA will pay monthly housing allowance rates for the Post-9/11 GI Bill® at the current academic year uncapped Department of Defense (DoD) Basic Housing Allowance (BAH) rates.
 - ◊ For many students, this DoD BAH rate will be equal to or higher than their current payment.
 - ◊ VBA will also correct retroactively any underpayments resulting from section 107 and 501 implementation problems.
 - ◊ If a student was overpaid due to the change in law or because of VBA's challenges in implementing the law, the student will not be held liable for the debt.
- Also, for the current academic year (2018-2019), VBA will pay housing allowances based on the location of a school's main campus, rather than the physical location of the student.
- This interim policy will terminate by December 1, 2019, upon implementation of a fully developed IT solution for sections 107 and 501 of the law.
- Finally, VBA will define a training site as a "campus" when the following conditions are true: the physical site of the training is either owned or leased by the school, and the school has ownership or control over the student's classroom instruction or the faculty conducting the instruction. This approach reduces the administrative burden for schools and students from VBA's initial interpretation of the law.

As these changes are implemented, VBA will remain in continuous contact with veterans, congress, veterans service organizations and other stakeholders to ensure everyone is informed and knows what to expect.

"Redesigning the way VBA calculates Post 9/11 GI Bill® housing rates during a busy academic season was like flying a plane while building it, and that was unfair and frustrating to veterans and taxpayers. That's why we are resetting our implementation of the law for the next year to ensure we get the technology and formula right to put Veterans first," said Secretary Wilkie. "In the meantime, beneficiaries receiving Post 9/11 GI Bill® housing allowances will be paid at the DoD BAH rate, which in many cases will be equal to or higher than their current payment."

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HOUSING RATES (CONTINUED)

While VBA's pending education claims inventory was three times higher than normal in early September, that figure is back to normal levels. For more information on VBA's pending education claims inventory, see [here](#).

VBA strongly encourages schools to begin submitting enrollments immediately for the Spring 2019 term to help VBA process them in a timely fashion. This will ensure that veteran students receive their housing payments promptly and schools receive tuition and fee payments. VBA expects to maintain timeliness standards of an average 28 days for a new enrollment and 14 days for a re-enrollment.

If students require assistance with their GI Bill® benefit or experience a financial hardship due to a delay in payment, they are asked to contact the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 between 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. (ET), Monday-Friday. Students may also keep in contact with the VA on social media sites; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/gibillEducation/ or on Twitter at [VAVetBenefits](#).

VETERANS WILL BE MADE WHOLE

Today, during a hearing before the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, VA Under Secretary for Benefits Paul Lawrence delivered the following statement:

Before I get into my opening statement on the subject of this morning's hearing, I want to address a misleading NBC news story from late yesterday that gives the false impression that some veterans on the GI Bill will not be made whole with respect to their housing payments based [on an announcement VA made](#) yesterday.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Each and every veteran on the post-9/11 GI Bill will be made 100 percent whole -- retroactively if need be -- for their housing benefits for this academic year based on the current uncapped DoD rates, and, beginning in spring 2020, we will be in a position to provide veterans with the new rates where applicable to meet the law known as the Forever GI Bill.

Once again -- each and every, and I mean **every single veteran**, will be made whole for their housing benefits this year. As we announced yesterday, the rates we are providing are the current academic year uncapped DoD Basic Allowance for Housing rates based on the location of a school's main campus, rather than the physical location of the student.

For many students, this DoD BAH rate will be equal to or higher than their current payment. If a student was overpaid due to the changes in law or because of VBA's challenges in implementing the law, the student will not be held liable for the debt.

And, starting in the Spring term of 2020, the VA will have solved its current technology difficulties so that the department is in a position to provide post-9/11 GI Bill Veterans the new rates, where applicable, to comply with the Forever GI Bill.

MJFSVH ACHIEVES NATIONAL MUSIC AND MEMORY CERTIFICATION

The Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home (MJFSVH) has achieved national certification in Music & Memory®, an innovative program using personalized music selections to enhance memories and enrich the lives of those with dementia.

“Being chosen to develop a formal music program with proven results is an exciting and positive opportunity for our entire nursing facility,” stated Brad Richardson MJFSVH Superintendent. “We are excited to see first-hand how personalized music can improve mood, interaction and overall quality of life for our residents.”

Staff will be piloting the program with three residents. They have personalized playlists for them and hope to have the program implemented by January.

Grounded in research about how brains respond to music, the program engages residents using the therapeutic potential of music to tap into deep memories and reconnect with the world. Residents may have scheduled music time throughout the week or experience music as a method to decrease agitation or anxiety and to elicit feelings of well-being. Additional proven benefits include increases in cooperation, attention and appetite.

Along with enhanced resident engagement and socialization, Music & Memory nursing facilities see the program as a valuable tool for reducing falls, resistance to care and the use of anti-psychotic medication.

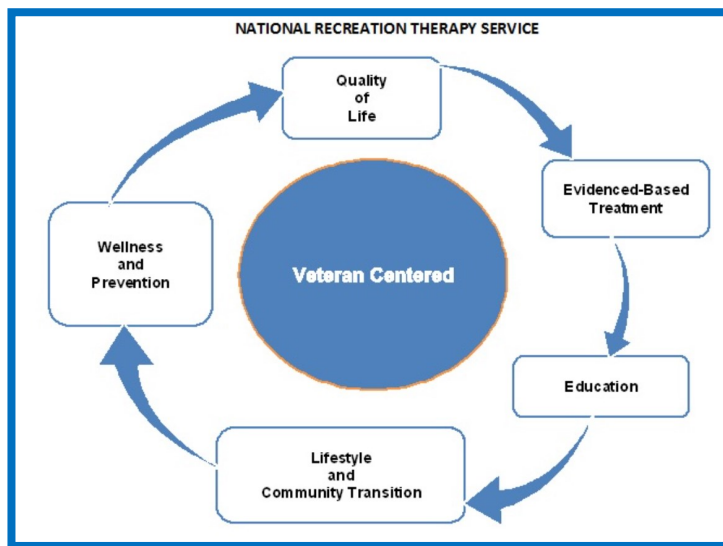
Music & Memory South Dakota is collaborative effort managed by the South Dakota Foundation for Medical Care (SDFMC) in partnership with the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network, South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations, South Dakota Department of Health, South Dakota Department of Human Services, and South Dakota Health Care Association. Individuals interested in volunteering or learning more about the Music & Memory program at MJFSVH, may contact Carla Rivera or Laura Hinn.

Music & Memory South Dakota program coordinators, Teresa Haatvedt, RN, BSN and Kayla Nielsen, LNHA, MBA, will provide support and assistance to staff as they strive to provide a higher level of care to residents experiencing dementia. As dedicated partners, all involved recognize and are excited to discover the full potential to impact lives through music.



VA HOSTS MUSIC THERAPY RETREAT

Aimed at helping former service members process some of their military experiences, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the nonprofit Operation Song launched the first of a series of national music therapy retreats Nov. 14-17 in Nashville, Tennessee.

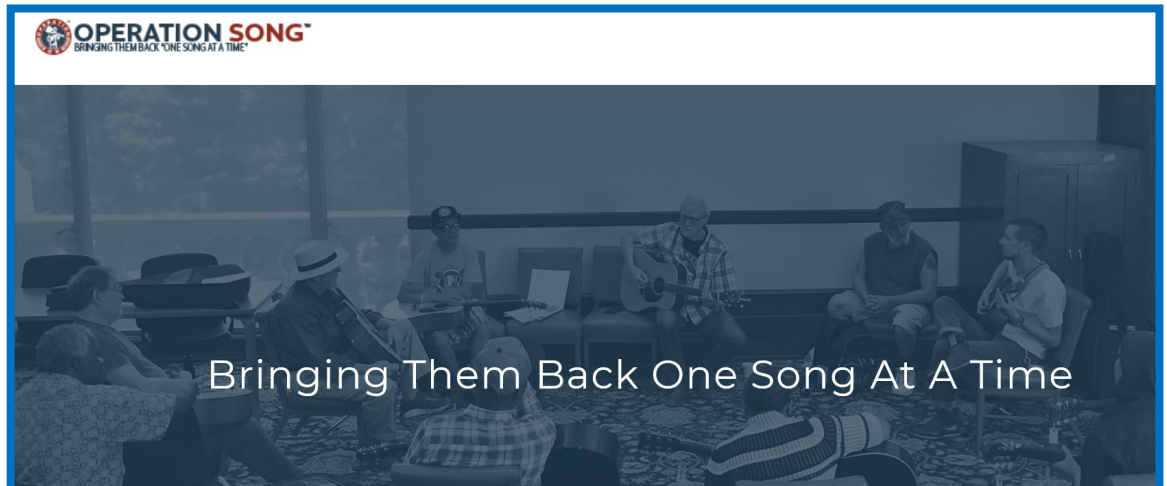


In collaboration with VA Voluntary Services and Veterans Canteen Service, the four-day songwriting retreat connected veterans from around the country with professional songwriters and VA therapists, as they translated their service experiences into songs, which will be recorded in a music studio for the veterans to keep.

"The VA is always striving to find unique ways to help veterans build on their military experiences, and music therapy is just one component of VA's robust recreation therapy programs, which serve veterans around the country," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Music can provide an outlet for expression of feelings, as well as be an avenue of communication for those who find it difficult to express themselves."

Founded by Grammy and Dove Award-nominated songwriter Bob Regan in 2012, Operation Song brings professional songwriters together with veterans to help create music from often difficult experiences. To date, Nashville-based Operation Song has created more than 600 songs with veterans of nearly every military conflict, to include World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Veterans who wish to participate in the Operation Song retreat program must be referred by their VA health care provider. Operation Song officials said no musical background is necessary to participate in the program; veterans only need a desire to tell their story.



VA CAREGIVERS PROGRAM

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced it will accept public comments for 15 days (Nov. 27 - Dec. 12, 2018) on how to implement certain changes to the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) required by the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

Through PCAFC, the VA provides family caregivers of eligible veterans certain benefits, such as training; respite care; counseling; technical support; beneficiary travel (to attend required caregiver training and for an eligible veteran's medical appointments); a monthly stipend payment; and access to health care (if qualified) through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).

"The VA values the knowledge, skill, and perspectives of all caregivers," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This public comment period demonstrates our desire to create a program that best serves the participating caregivers and veterans."

The VA MISSION Act of 2018 expands eligibility for PCAFC to family caregivers of eligible veterans who incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty before Sept. 11, 2001 using a phased approach, establishes new benefits for designated primary family caregivers of eligible veterans and makes other changes affecting program eligibility and the VA's evaluation of PCAFC applications.

Submitted responses will be used to guide future regulatory modifications and implementation of the expanded PCAFC. The Federal Register notice and comment submission form can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/11/27/2018-25763/notice-of-request-for-information-on-the-department-of-veterans-affairs-program-of-comprehensive>.

DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VA POLICY INITIATIVES

Statement of Michael J. Missal, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, before the Subcommittee on Disability and Memorial Affairs, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States House of Representatives, Hearing on "VA's Development and Implementation of Policy Initiatives."

Chairman Bost, Ranking Member Esty, and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Office of Inspector General's (OIG's) oversight of the programs and operations of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). We recently made changes to our oversight model for VBA to allow us to better review national policy changes and focus on their high-impact programs and operations. Aside from reporting on specific problems and providing targeted solutions to VBA, we have emphasized identifying the underlying root causes of issues that have negatively impacted current programs and future initiatives. Among other causes, we have identified program leadership and governance as common deficiencies. We are committed to uncovering the source of problems that put taxpayer dollars and veterans' benefits at risk of fraud, waste, and abuse or that undercut the quality and timeliness of services to veterans and their families.

See more at: <https://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/statements/VAOIG-statement-20181129-missal.pdf>

VETERAN TOWN HALL

December 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm

VFW Post 1273

420 Main St

Rapid City, SD 57701



Choose **VA**



You are Invited! Veterans, families, and the public are encouraged to provide feedback on VA health care and benefits.

Special Guest: Mr. Robert McDivitt, Director of VA Midwest Health Care Network



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Veterans Health Administration
Black Hills Health Care System



OPERATION BLACK HILLS CABIN ACCEPTING 2019 APS

Operation Black Hills Cabin is now taking applications for the 2019 season. The season is from Memorial weekend thru the end of September. If you know of a combat wounded veteran from OEF/OIF/OND, and they are interested in a week in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota to reconnect with their immediate family in a quiet and peaceful setting, at little or no charge to the family, please check out the website at www.operationblackhillscabin.org. All completed application packets are considered on a first come, first served basis.



Our mission is to provide a one-week respite to qualifying wounded veterans and their families. Many young men & women come back from the Iraq/Afghanistan war with severe injuries that they will have to live with the rest of their lives; incurred while guarding our country and keeping us safe. As a retired military couple, the founders of OBHC understand the dedication and sacrifice of those who have served our country.

This one-week respite, at little or no cost to the families, is a way we can provide a much needed diversion from their normal day-to-day, sometimes grueling existence, living with a life-altering combat injury. When a service member is permanently injured, the whole family is injured. The entire structure of the family unit is forever changed; from financial stress, to what is now important to the family. "Time" is the word we hear over and over that is of the utmost importance to the families. What we are offering with OBHC is quality time ~ whether it's time spent on outings such as enjoying the patriotic ambience at Mt. Rushmore, or sharing quiet times on the deck watching the abundant wildlife of the Black Hills.

How do people qualify? The veteran has to be a minimum of 30% Combat Injured from OEF (Operation Enduring Freedom), OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom), or OND (Operation New Dawn); OR they have to be a Medal of Honor recipient; OR they have to be in the Warrior Transition Unit. See website for additional information.

Are you going to be open year round? Our prime time is from late May ~ early Oct. Due to late spring and early fall heavy snowfalls, we try to limit availability to these dates.

How many families have been hosted so far? A total of 97 families from 33 states have been guests of OBHC. They have come from North Dakota, Kentucky, Vermont, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee, Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, Arkansas, Virginia, Kansas, Louisiana, Ohio, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Utah, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Georgia, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Iowa, North Carolina, Washington, Wyoming, & Massachusetts.

How do people apply? See website for application and documentation required.

Are you a 501(c)3? Yes; all gifts are tax deductible.

How did this project start? Tom Brokaw did an interview on the Oprah show ("bravest families in America"). After watching it, we felt that, coupled with the fact there are now over 60,000 returning combat-injured veterans who are trying to adjust and transition to civilian life as well as reconnect with families, plus the fact that we live in a vacation destination, what better place to provide a chance for these families to reconnect with each other and enjoy our area and all it has to offer.

How many businesses/individuals participate in OBHC? Over 240 businesses and individuals are involved.

Learn more about OBHC at:

www.operationblackhillscabin.org

Contact OBHC at:

operationblackhillscabin@gmail.com

What is offered to the family? There is no charge for staying in the cabin. When they arrive, they are greeted by OBHC representatives, and they receive a packet containing information on the area, along with over 35 coupons to area businesses for free entry into the attractions, or free meals for the family. Some examples of participating businesses are: Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Buffalo Safari Jeep Rides in Custer State Park, Bear Country USA, 1880 Train, and Reptile Gardens, to name a few. Before the family arrives, they fill out a Snack Questionnaire, and the cabin is stocked with lots of their favorite snack and breakfast items. Each family receives a gift basket and a bouquet of flowers, and each child receives a stuffed animal. The veteran also receives a Quilt of Valor (if they have not received one in the past). These are just a few examples. The family is not required to go to any of the attractions or restaurants that participate; there have been families here that just enjoy sitting on the deck of the cabin and watch the deer munching in the back yard, or the wild turkeys and Bald Eagles that frequent the cabin property. This is the Black Hills community's way of saying Thank You to those who have given so much.

How long can a family stay in the cabin? Each family's "week" is checking in Sunday at noon or later, to the following Saturday, checking out before 9 am.

What is the cabin like? It's a brand new (in 2013) 1200 square foot, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom handicapped accessible cabin. It is totally furnished, and has a fully equipped kitchen. The master bathroom has a roll-in shower. It can sleep a family of 8. All beds have hand-made quilts on them. There is also a deck with table and chairs. Pictures of the cabin can be seen on the website, under Facebook. The only use of this cabin is for the guests of OBHC.

Why isn't there a TV or computer in the cabin? Because this opportunity allows the families to reconnect and acquaint with each other, away from the stress of therapy sessions, doctor appointments, outside influences, etc. There are many games and puzzles for the families to enjoy together for the times they choose to be in the cabin. **Please note:** OBHC is for immediate families only; the injured veteran, their spouse, and their children (if they have children). This is not a party house; it is not for family reunions, neighbors, friends, etc; nor individuals who are not caregivers.

Do you allow pets? We have a strict "no pet policy". If the injured veteran has a Certified Service Animal, it will be welcome.

How are you paying for this cabin? It was a grant from SD Housing Authority, and was built by the prisoners of Michael Duffee State Prison in Springfield, SD.

What do you need money for, if the cabin is complete and furnished? Insurance, utilities, maintenance; and we stock the cabin with snack and breakfast type foods for each family. It costs approximately \$700.00 to host each family. We rely on grants, fundraisers, and the generosity of the general public to help us meet our expenses. With no paid staff, ALL money received goes to help or assist the veterans and families. We have recently finished a "Healing Hike", which is a trail that meanders through the woods, rock outcroppings, and open areas of the 1 ½ acre lot that the cabin sits on. This lighted trail has 34 inspirational inscriptions on rocks, along with benches to sit on along the way.

What is your biggest challenge? Our biggest challenge is getting the word out to qualifying veterans. If you know of a Combat Injured veteran from OEF, OIF, or OND, please pass this information on to them and encourage them to apply.

Who are the active people of OBHC? The board of directors consists of 5 people, with a combined total of 98 years of military service. We are 100% volunteer, from designing our website, to cleaning the cabin after each family leaves. Many area people volunteer in a variety of other ways as well.

We hope this FAQ sheet helps you know more who we are, and what we are about. If we can answer any other questions for you, please don't hesitate to ask.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The South Dakota Funeral Directors Association will again participate in *Wreaths Across America*, a national program which pays tribute to fallen veterans of all wars during the Christmas season. A formal wreath presentation will be held at the Flaming Fountain Veterans Memorial on Capitol Lake in Pierre at 11:00 AM (Central Time) on Monday, December 10, 2018.

This year will be the 12th annual wreath laying ceremony. Participants in the South Dakota ceremony are the Board of Directors and members of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association, Pierre Post 8 American Legion, Stanley/Fort Pierre Post 20 American Legion, Voiture 522 of the 40/8, Charles E. Thorne VFW Post 2038, Oahe Marine Corps League, Sons of the American Legion, Vietnam Era Veterans Association, and the Disabled American Veterans.

The featured speaker will be Major General Tim Reisch, Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard, and Justin Nelson, President of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association, will serve as master of ceremonies. The public is encouraged to attend to help pay tribute to fallen soldiers during the Christmas season.

The South Dakota Funeral Directors Association is a professional association that represents the funeral service professionals and the funeral home establishments in the state. The Association provides education, legislative representation and public relations statewide.



"Stand Down"

WHERE: AJ Agard Building

Ft. Yates, ND

WHEN: 12 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 1000 HOURS TO 1530 HOURS

(Central Standard Time)



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JOB SERVICE – NORTH DAKOTA

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Massage, accupuncture, auroma, all speciality service providers are you considering
becoming a vendor for the VA?

Come and learn the process for applying to become a VA service provider!!!

FOR INFORMATION: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Department of Veterans Affairs 701/854-8527/8589/8564



"Stand Down"

WHERE: McLaughlin City Auditorium

McLaughlin, SD

WHEN: 13 DECEMBER 2018

TIME: 1000 HOURS TO 1530 HOURS

(Central Standard Time)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 4—Governor’s Budget Address—State Capitol—1:00 pm (CT)
 Dec 10—Wreaths Across America Ceremony—Flaming Fountain Veterans Memorial—Pierre—11:00 am (CT)
 Dec 12—VA/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Stand Down—AJ Agard Bldg—Fort Yates—10:00 am (CT)
 Dec 12—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—DAV Headquarters—Sioux Falls—Noon (CT)
 Dec 13—VA/Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Stand Down—McLaughlin City Auditorium—10:00 am (CT)
 Dec 13—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—American Legion Post 17—Watertown—Noon (CT)
 Dec 13—VABHHCS Veterans Town Hall—VFW Post 1273 (420 Main Street) - Rapid City—6:00 pm (MT)
 Dec 15—SD Veterans Council Legislative Round Table—VFW—Rapid City—10:00 am (MT)
 Dec 24-25—State Offices Closed
 Dec 31—Jan 1—State Offices Closed
 Jan 8—Governor’s State of the State—State Capitol—1:00 pm (CT)
 Jan 13-18—VFW Accredited Service Officer Training—Annapolis, MD
 Jan 18—Sioux Falls Military Appreciation Resource Fair—Central Church (Ralph Rogers Road) 10:00 am—9:00 pm (CT)
 Jan 28-29—VFW State Legislative Conference—Pierre
 Jan 28—VFW State Legislative Reception—Pierre
 Feb 2—USS South Dakota Commissioning
 Feb 8-10—American Legion Mid Winter Conference—Holiday Inn—Spearfish
 Mar 3-7—VFW Legislative Conference—Washington, DC
 July 20-24—National VFW Convention—Orlando, FL



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